

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 358

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Richard A. Manahan for meritorious service to this State and his community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Richard A. Manahan, who will step down from the Johnson City Board of Education in April of 2007 after eight outstanding years of elected service; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Manahan's tenure with the Board of Education, he has held a variety of leadership positions, including serving as Chairman from 2002 to 2004 and standing as Secretary, Tennessee Legislative Network Representative, a member of the Voting Delegate Assembly at the Tennessee School Boards Association's annual conventions in Nashville from 2002 to 2005, and a member of the Facilities Committee, Policy Committee, and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, from supervising an eighty million dollar building program to revising policy manuals, school district lines, and job descriptions and salary schedules for employees, Dr. Manahan has accomplished a great deal during his distinguished tenure; he was instrumental in developing alternative calendars for three schools, increasing support for technology enhancement, improving the working relationship between school board and city commission, and evaluating the Board and Director; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity, he lobbied for funds on State and local levels, created a new health insurance plan for school employees, directed searches, and wrote letters and held meetings with representatives and senators in Washington D.C. and Nashville;

he also oversaw the School Finance Transition and the five-year plan for Johnson City Schools; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Manahan is the much deserved recipient of numerous awards and recognitions which honor his exemplary service with the school board, including the National School Board Association Award for Distinguished Service and the TSBA Level V Master School Board Member recognition for the highest level of Achievement for Excellence in Boardmanship; and

WHEREAS, as President of the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Foundation and the university's Vice President for University Advancement, Richard Manahan is the longest serving Chief Advancement Officer among the Tennessee Board of Regents universities, America's seventh largest public higher education system; with his guidance, the past twenty-six years have been the most successful in the university's history through partnerships with the academic community and entrepreneurial approaches to bring contributors and institutional needs together; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lengthy career at ETSU, Dr. Manahan has been honored by his peers with presentation of the university's Distinguished Staff Award, by the volunteer leadership of the foundation as a Margin of Excellence Award recipient, and by the ETSU National Alumni Association as a recipient of the George L. Carter Award, the highest honor conveyed to friends of the university; and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Manahan has established a significant record of leadership and service on the local, state, and national levels throughout a thirty-nine year career in higher education; his professional experiences reflect a diverse mixture of administration, teaching, and leadership and his record of civic and public service involvement reflects commitment to his communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manahan has served on more than thirty corporate, civic, elected, and not-for-profit boards; he was appointed by former Tennessee Governor Ned Ray McWherter to the State Board of Nursing and by former Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist to the National Education Commission of the States as a Tennessee representative; and

WHEREAS, he holds a bachelor's degree, a master of business administration degree, and a doctorate from Illinois State University (ISU); and

WHEREAS, a Certified Public Account, Dr. Manahan served eight years in the office of the Vice President and Dean of Administration at ISU; he was also an instructor of business in the university's College of Business for six years; and

WHEREAS, he has been inducted into the Illinois State University College of Education Hall of Fame, and the Illinois State University College of Business Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the university's Alumni Achievement Award; he ably served as a member of the alumni association board of directors for fifteen years and is a member of the ISU Heritage Society; and

WHEREAS, Richard Manahan proudly served his country in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1963, earning the Certificate of Merit and Good Conduct Medal during his term of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Manahan epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Lois Smith Manahan; together they have two children, Jennifer Crigger, CPA, and Eric R. Manahan, M.D., and four grandchildren, Evan Scott Crigger, Emily Brooke Crigger, Paige Marie Manahan, and Lindsay Kate Manahan; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Richard Manahan for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Richard A. Manahan for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and his community, recognize his outstanding contributions to the Johnson City Board of Education, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.